



June 30, 2004

Pair are sentenced for Ecstasy trafficking

A federal judge has sentenced **Bernard Tribble**, of Providence, and **Bryan Burgess**, of Pawtucket, to federal prison terms for trafficking in Ecstasy. Judge Lisi sentenced Tribble to 70 months imprisonment and Burgess to 37 months.

The Office of the United States Attorney announced the sentences, which U.S. District Court Judge Mary M. Lisi imposed on June 28 in U.S. District Court, Providence. In March, Tribble, 33, of 139 Hendrick Street, Providence, and Burgess, 26, of 242 Manton Street, Pawtucket, both pleaded guilty to federal drug-trafficking charges. Tribble also pleaded guilty to illegally possessing a firearm.

At the plea hearings in March, Assistant U.S. Attorney Mary E. Rogers said that the government had evidence proving that Tribble and Burgess made a series of Ecstasy sales to an undercover Pawtucket Police detective who was working with the **Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Task Force**.

On six occasions between November and January, the undercover agent arranged with Burgess to buy a quantity of Ecstasy. On each of those occasions, Burgess either obtained the Ecstasy from Tribble, or brought the agent to Tribble to complete the deal. The deals transpired at various locations in Providence and Woonsocket. The agent bought a total of 1,038 Ecstasy pills for \$9,950.

Agents arrested Tribble and Burgess on January 30 as they were arranging to sell the undercover agent an additional 400 Ecstasy pills. A search of Tribble's apartment at Hendrick

Street turned up about 108 grams of cocaine, 108 Ecstasy pills and a 9 millimeter pistol.

Both men pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute Ecstasy and six counts of distributing Ecstasy. Tribble also pleaded guilty to possessing with intent to distribute Ecstasy, possessing with intent to distribute cocaine, and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The **DEA Task Force** investigated the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Rogers prosecuted it.

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